

ZOA Leaders to Confer; BIG Will Send Golda Myerson Redelheim, Bressler Run To Indianapolis Despite Local Tiff

LOS ANGELES (NJP)—A special conference of leaders and workers of the Zionist Organization of America will be called in New York early in April, The Post learned this week.

Jacob Alkow, president of the Southern Pacific Region of the ZOA, and a leader in the battle against intervention in Israeli affairs, commenting on the various possible candidates for national president of the organization, declared "Before committing ourselves to the candidacies of either Miller, Redelheim or anyone else," the special conference will be held towards achieving a "united ZOA."

"We feel that Israel is in need of a strong ZOA," averred Alkow, "that should be the foundation of a strong Zionist movement."

"Irrespective of our various sympathies with the different parties or groups in Israel, we must rally all former and present active ZOA members around a united Zionist organization."

"For the time being we must place the interests of all of Israel above those of any party," he told The Post.

Among those expected to participate in the conference, Alkow disclosed, are Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Louis Lipsky, Fred Monesson, Dr. Max Nussbaum, Ezra Shapiro, Rudolph Sonneborn, Dewey Stone and other Zionist leaders.

"Any individual or group within the ZOA," concluded Alkow, "should be allowed to express or further its own views concerning the economic and political structure of the State of Israel without, however, committing the entire organization to those views."

NEW YORK (NJP)—Two new candidates this week entered the field for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America.

Abraham Redelheim, who has not officially announced himself as a candidate, was urged by the executive committee of the Bronx Region of the ZOA to seek the top post, and Max Bressler, Chicago, threw his hat in the ring.

The Bronx Region endorsed Redelheim by a vote of 37-1. Two members, in protest against the early political campaigning, abstained.

FIRST VICTORY

The action of the Region marked the first important victory for Redelheim. Heretofore, Rabbi Irving Miller, candidate of the Neumann-Torczyner group, had won endorsements from five regional executive committees. The fourth candidate is Mortimer May, announced last week by Robert Persky, president of the Southern Region, as the "favorite son" candidate of that region. (NJP, March 7, 1952).

The significance of the Bronx vote for Redelheim was minimized by the Miller forces, who claimed seven or eight Bronx districts are boycotting regional activities over a dispute as to who is president.

CLEAR MAJORITY

Hyman D. Silver, a leader of the Bronx opposition, told The Post that if the boycotting districts had participated in the voting on Redelheim's candidacy, they would have held 16 votes at best. The Redelheim forces still would have had a clear majority.

Though Redelheim has not yet announced his availability and no group has been launched to promote his candidacy, it is

MAY FAVORS PRAESIDIUM

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (NJP) Mortimer May, announced last week by Robert Persky, president of the Southern Region of the Zionist Organization of America, as the Region's favorite son candidate for the presidency of the ZOA, this week declined comment on Persky's statement.

May did, however, cautiously express himself in favor of the praesidium recommended by the Brandeis District, Washington, D.C., to replace the office of national president. (NJP, March 7, 1952).

May said, "I think there is considerable merit in exploring the possibility of a praesidium if it could be made to unite substantial elements" of the ZOA leadership.

"At least it is worthy of sincere and forthright thought," he added.

known that he will run. A national committee for Redelheim is expected to be organized shortly, under the leadership of Judge Abraham Schanzer, Brooklyn.

U. S. businessmen in 1951 invested \$22,000,000 in Israel.

INDIANAPOLIS (NJP)—The Jewish community here has been chosen for a major test of the right of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel to sell Israel bonds at any time during the year, it was indicated by developments this week.

Replying to a unanimous decision of the local coordinating committee forbidding the sale of Israel bonds from March 1 to June 15 (NJP, March 7, 1952), the AFDCI scheduled

No Conflict Between Local Drives And Bond Effort, Survey Shows

NEW YORK (NJP)—A quick check of relations between the sale of Israel bonds and local federation drives in several major cities, revealed little conflict.

In Miami, where both efforts are continuing almost simultaneously, BIG day last Sunday reported 1,000 workers selling a total of \$487,450 in Israel bonds. The total includes \$125,300 sold at a Purim rally.

AVOID CONFLICT

Director Malakoff of the bond office told The Post that he is "not closing up or suspending operations. We are clearing with Federation, however, to avoid any conflict."

He added that the federation drive now is drawing to a close, but even so no major bond selling effort has been planned between now and either April 1 or May 1.

In Philadelphia there also seemed to be no conflict. Bonds are being sold during the local appeal campaign, but no special efforts are planned until the end of the drive. Samuel H. Daroff is chairman of the Philadelphia bond effort. He will call an executive committee meeting on his return from Florida. The local appeal campaign starts Friday, March 24, and ends late in May.

RELATIONS AMICABLE

In Buffalo, too, no conflict has

Bond Drive Raises \$115 - Million

LOD, Israel—As of last Saturday, 10 months after the opening of the Israel Bond drive in the U. S., \$115,000,000 in subscriptions and cash had been obtained, according to Dr. Ishael Goldstein, who arrived here by airplane from N.Y. last week to attend the Jewish Agency executive sessions, as quoted in The Jerusalem Post.

developed. Nat Sokoloff, of the Israel bond office and Arthur Rosichan, executive secretary of the United Jewish Federation of Buffalo, both told The Post that relations were very amicable between the two groups. Rosichan said the work of the bond drive is proceeding independently throughout the year.

"We have found that their work has not interfered with our Federation campaign," he added.

AGENCY, ISRAEL PONDER BOND-UJA SOLUTION

JERUSALEM (NJP)—A plan that will coordinate the Israel bond and United Jewish Appeal (UJA) drives in the U. S. is under consideration by the Israel government and the Jewish Agency.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, here to attend the plenary session of the Agency executive, said the plan, formulated by the Agency, would establish a committee in N. Y. to coordinate the activities of the two campaigns.

One of the main points on the agenda of the executive meeting, Goldmann said, is the deteriorating relationship between the

Arab-Israel Peace Reports Increase

JERUSALEM — Another report that the Arab states are ready to discuss peace with Israel appeared in a Cairo newspaper last week, according to The Jerusalem Post.

The report, which appeared in the Cairo evening paper, "Al Mokattam," declared, however, that negotiations would be contingent upon the return of Palestine Arabs displaced during the Arab-Israel war to their former homes in Israel and compensation for their loss of property.

The newspaper also asserted that peace was not possible without unanimous approval of all Arab League member states.

UJA and the Bond drive.

A previous plan, which grew out of a meeting between Henry Montor, executive vice president of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel (AFDCI), which is the Bond drive in the U.S., Joseph J. Schwartz, executive director of the UJA, and Prime Minister Ben-Gurion of Israel. (NJP, Jan. 25, 1952)

A coordinating committee, to be composed of the present leadership of UJA and AFDCI in N.Y., would have been responsible for the conduct of both campaigns and have full authority to decide on any policies, methods or techniques that would expedite both efforts.

The plan had been accepted by AFDCI but rejected by UJA, which submitted an alternate plan.

Buffalo Attorney Dies

BUFFALO, N. Y. (NJP)—Emil Rubenstein, prominent attorney, died this week at 59.



MYERSON

Jewish Welfare Federation is held each spring, and is now being planned.

To add weight to the seriousness of the intention of the AFDCI to make Indianapolis a test city, the bond people have sent Meyer Steinglass, their top-notch publicity man, and right-hand man of Henry Montor, to lay the groundwork for the Myerson meeting.

There was no immediate response from the Welfare Federation, of which Julian Freeman, president of the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds, is president, to announcement of the Myerson meeting.

ACTION UPHELD

At the opening board meeting of the welfare federation, the action of the coordinating committee was upheld by a vote of 23-1. Freeman was reelected president at the board meeting.

Announcement that Golda Myerson would appear in Indianapolis resulted in some consternation at the board meeting. A hastily called group discussed the situation after the meeting, but no action was announced. Steinglass set up shop immediately, and news stories were prepared for the local papers announcing the Myerson meeting, which is to be preceded by a banquet.

Steinglass told The Post that the meeting would be held even if he were the only person attending. He repeated the contention of the AFDCI that the sale of Israel bonds did not conflict with local drives.

It was apparent that the action of the AFDCI was in part a response of the bond selling organization to the refusal of the local coordinating committee to allow the community to participate in BIG day last Sunday.

MAY SET PATTERN

An effort similar to BIG day had been held in Indianapolis in February, netting \$30,000 in bond sales, and the coordinating committee felt it unwise to repeat the effort in March.

The coordinating committee is composed of backers of both the bond drive, including the chairman of the local effort, and the Welfare Federation drive.

Steinglass said he would remain in Indianapolis from now through the Myerson meeting, indicating the weight which the bond leaders attached to the local situation.

Sunday Schools in Chicago May Adopt Code of Practices

CHICAGO (NJP)—What is believed to be the first code of practices for Jewish Sunday School teachers may shortly go into effect here in the schools under the aegis of the Chicago Board of Jewish Education.

The code, drafted in the spring of 1951 by a committee of teachers, has been amended and ratified by a delegates assembly of teachers, the supervision staff of the Board of Jewish Education and the Allied Jewish School Board. The school boards of the various schools now are considering the code which, if accepted by them, will take effect immediately.

The code would establish procedure for certification and assignment of teachers, salary, sick leave, tenure, grievance, hiring and dismissal, and evaluation of teachers' performances.

Greek Orthodox Leads ZOA Group, Conservative Synagogue

SUNNYSIDE, N. Y. (NJP)—Membership chairman of the (Conservative) Jewish Center here and chairman of the Center's forthcoming silver anniversary dinner is Orthodox—Greek Orthodox, that is.

George P. Vassil, a trustee at the Long Island synagogue, also is a past president of the Sunnyside Zionist District, co-chairman since 1949 of the local United Jewish Appeal drive, a busy salesman of Israel Bonds and first recipient of the Humanitarian Award presented by the Queens County Council of the Jewish War Veterans for his "outstanding efforts in behalf of Zionism and Jewry."

Vassil arrived at his strong belief in Zionism through a fundamental belief in humanitarian principles. He believes there can be no peace in the world until the rights of minorities have been secured. About the Jews, he feels they "have been let down by the world."

A quiet, unostentatious person, Vassil feels so strongly about Zionism, he personally has recruited more than 1,000 new members into the Zionist fold and at least one new member for Hadassah—Lenora, his wife, who is Jewish.

It was seven years ago that Mr. and Mrs. Vassil became really active in Jewish affairs, Mr. Vassil leading the way. When he became active in the ZOA, she joined Hadassah. When he became active

in the Center, she joined the Sisterhood, which she was later to serve as president.

Asked what his non-Jewish friends think of his Jewish activities, Vassil, assistant vice-president of the Philadelphia Exchange Bank, told The Post: "Frankly, I don't give too much of a damn. Christians have a lot to be ashamed of in this whole situation. Jews have been kicked around. They've never had a place to call their own. And if I can help them, I'm going to."

His views on Zionism and Zionists are equally plain and definite.

"The bandwagon Zionists have dropped out," he told The Post, "but the true Zionists are still very active in building a bridge between American Jewry and Israel. I believe the function of Zionism today is to help Israel in every way possible, but to keep hands off her internal affairs."

He disclosed that the Long Island Zionist Division had purchased \$250,000 worth of land in Israel and built the Neveh Ilan colony between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The Division also is supporting traed schools in Israel.

The Sunnyside Jewish Center's 25th anniversary isn't the only one the Vassils are going to celebrate this May, for May 2 will mark their own silver wedding anniversary.

The married life of the Vassils has been harmonious from the beginning, each respecting the other's faith and never quarreling about religion.

They have three children: Ted, a 21-year-old Marine awaiting shipment to Korea; 18-year-old Barbara and eight-year-old Pamela. Ted and Barbara aren't religious, Mrs. Vassil explained, but Pamela attends Sunday School and considers herself Jewish.

When the Vassils were first married, they had a Christmas tree in their home, but have since turned to celebrating Hanuka.

Mr. Vassil resents Jews who adopt "the customs of another religion."

"Jews should be proud of their religion," he asserted. "They should learn about themselves, their culture and religion, and they should develop a profound sense of pride in their contributions to civilization."

He asked: "Why should they find it necessary to have Christmas trees in their homes?"

Her husband's views have made Mrs. Vassil more observant. She told The Post she now lights candles every Friday night and both attend Friday night services. They had a menorah in their home for the first time last Hanuka, and the past two Passovers they have participated in sedarim at the home of friends.

BONN NEGOTIATIONS HIT BY TORCZYNER

WINNIPEG, Canada. (NJP)—If Israel accepts German reparations payments, which will probably be in goods rather than money which Germany does not have, "Israel will become the peddler of German goods in the world," asserted Jacques Torczyner, Zionist Organization of America leader.

Addressing an audience of the 1951-52 lecture series of the Zionist Cultural Institute, Torczyner attacked direct negotiations with Germany on moral grounds as well as on the grounds that even were Israel to get payment, she would find herself in the position of retailer of German goods on the world market, since Ger-

many will pay in goods Israel herself will not be able to use.

LURED BY MIRAGE

"A mirage of Reichsmarks," he charged, is luring Jewish leaders "to sell the real moral values for which we built the State of Israel."

He added that despite all protestations to the contrary, the "mistake" of direct negotiations will lead "slowly but surely to recognition of West Germany."

He also charged the conference of organizations held recently in N. Y. to plan the Jewish claims presentation was undemocratic and limited in representation; that "the leaders never consulted their members."

The Jewish leaders, he declared, "rushed together and with in-

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LACKS FAITH IN MASSES

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who spearheaded the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and who recently went to Europe to begin arranging the negotiations with German representatives, also came under Torczyner's critical lash.

He termed Goldmann, whom he said he regarded with affection and as a personal friend, as a "realist...who belongs to that kind of leadership that doesn't believe in the masses."

Goldmann, he said, believes in "going through the back door of the White House, while I believe you should go through the front

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OAKLAND, Cal. (NJP)—The board of education here has denied permission to the Gideons Society to distribute its bibles in the public schools.

In a statement that was embodied in the board's unanimous decision, Carl Olsen, school commissioner, said: "The New Testament as sponsored by the Gideons is not recognized by all religions as the 'Bible.'"

TO AVOID PRECEDENT

"We feel that out of fairness to all people who believe in freedom of religion we should refrain from introducing a precedent which could possibly lead

to dissention among our students and faculty.

"We approve the placing of this Testament in the libraries of all schools for reference purposes. Complete editions of the Bible are already in all our school libraries."

REQUEST SUPPORTED

The request by the Gideons Society to distribute its version of the New Testament and several books of the Jewish bible to public school children on public school time was made last month. (NJP, Feb. 15, 1952). The request was supported by numerous church and civic groups, but opposed only by the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Welfare Federation.

Louis Segal, director of the Community Relations Committee, disclosed he had received promises from other Bay Area public school administrators that if they receive requests in their schools, they will notify him, and hold a public hearing on the request, if necessary.

Palestine Legion Vets Elect Dr. Gordon

NEW YORK (NJP) — Dr. Hirsch Leib Gordon, noted psychiatrist and author, U. S. Army Major in World War II and Commander in the U. S. Health Service, was elected national commander of the American Palestine Jewish Legion. The group is comprised of American residents who fought in Palestine in World War I in the Jewish Legion under the command of General Allenby.

The first editor of The Canadian Jewish Times, first English-language journal in Canada, was Carroll Ryan, Irish linguist and poet.

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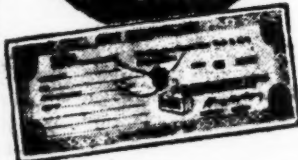
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Rabbi Solomon Goldman Scores 'Total Ingathering of Exiles' Idea

CHICAGO (UJP)—The probability, possibility or even desirability of a mass migration of U. S. Jews to Israel was rejected recently by a former president of the Zionist Organization of America.

Rabbi Solomon Goldman, spiritual leader of the Anshe Emet Congregation, in an article in the Jan.-Feb. issue of Opinion magazine, as reprinted in the Anshe Emet bulletin, consigned the traditional thinking on "ingathering of the exiles," as exemplified by Israel Prime Minister Ben-Gurion's recent exhortation of U.S. Zionist leaders for not having initiated and led such a mass movement, to the realm of the fantastic.

MAGICAL THINKING

Rabbi Goldman declared, "The notion that all Jews the world over, to the last one, will some day return to Palestine and make their home there stems from an age when the limitations of a country's area and its economics and international strains and stresses were overcome or were expected to be overcome by miracles.

"In such a climate of opinion," he continued, "population figures and economic resources were of little concern to anyone.

"By the time the age of Zionism dawned, the total 'ingathering of exiles' had become dogma, prayer, . . . a habit of speech," and so, Ben-Gurion, in his recent attack on U.S. Zionist leaders merely reacted on this "habit of speech."

The Conservative leader went on to deny a mass migration of Jews to Palestine ever had taken place either out of "piety, prayer, propaganda (or) oppression."

SCORES BOGEY

Turning to the bogey some have raised about a possible change in the social situation in the U.S. which will one day force U.S. Jews to seek a haven elsewhere, Rabbi Goldman declared, "The fools who jabber about the American Jew coming to Israel crawling on his belly are doomed to disappointment."

And should their prognostications of doom come true, he continued, "there will be no such America as we know it, and when there will be no such America,

there will be no Israel to crawl to."

Nor, he asserted, will the American Jew be intimidated by threats of doom into fleeing to Israel.

"The American Jew is no coward. If he were, there would be no UJA campaigns in the U.S., no Israeli Bond Drives, no parades in honor of Israeli dignitaries, and no Madison Square Garden demonstrations in behalf of Israel."

Anti-Bias Code Adopted by Radio, TV

INDIANAPOLIS (NJP)—The new radio and TV code outlawing portrayal of stereotypes reflecting unfavorably on minority racial, national or religious groups was praised here this week by David A. Sawyer, director of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

The code, which bans attacks on religions and prohibits ridiculing of races or nationalities, has been adopted by the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters.

Sawyer disclosed that the mass media committee of the National Community Relations Advisory Council aided the Association to formulate the code.

Mrs. Goodman's Leg Broken

INDIANAPOLIS (NJP)—Mrs. Jack A. Goodman, national board member of Hadassah, suffered a broken leg here this week in an automobile crash. The car in which she was riding with her

Arctic Congregation Prepares for Pesach

NEW YORK—For the first time in recorded history, a Passover seder will be held this year in the Arctic Circle region, in northern Greenland. The National Jewish Welfare Board (JWB) has shipped to the "First Hebrew Congregation of the Arctic," as the group of Jewish servicemen and civilians assigned here to government "Project Blue Jay" have designated themselves, stocks of matza, wine, haggadas, yahrzeit candles and other religious articles for year-round use as well. The Congregation's "order" was brought to the U. S. by Chaplain Donald Clover, Baptist minister, civilian chaplain at "Blue Jay."

Twelfth Torah Theft Occurs in Brooklyn

NEW YORK (NJP)—The 12th theft in two months of Torah Scrolls in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn occurred last week. The Scrolls, estimated to be worth about \$1,500, were taken last Wednesday from the Congregation Zechariah Dershowitz. The pattern of the wave of robberies (NJP, Feb. 22, 1952), whereby only several Scrolls are stolen in each synagogue and only the most valuable ones, has led to the suspicion that the thieves might be a black market gang hoping to resell the Scrolls to other synagogues.

Defer Passover Inductions

NEW YORK—Jewish draftees scheduled for physical examinations or induction into service during Passover will be deferred, wherever possible, upon their request, it was announced by Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of the Selective Service system.

daughter, Jacqueline, collided with another automobile.

Opera Star Dies

CHICAGO (WNS)—Giacomo Rimmi, world-famous operatic baritone, died here last week at

63. Scion of an old and prominent Italian-Jewish family, Rimmi was the husband of Rosa Raisa, an operatic sensation of several decades ago, who survives him.

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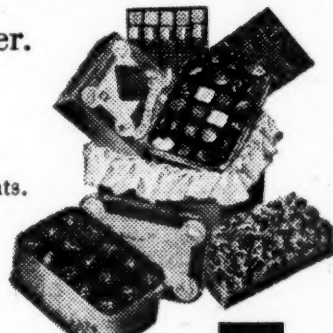
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Failure Of N.Y. Solons To Pass Sunday Store-Opening Law Hit

NEW YORK (NJP)—The action of a N. Y. state legislative committee in recommending "immediate relief for sports promoters" while failing to take action on a proposed law to permit Sabbath-observing Jewish merchants to do business on Sunday was the basis of a charge by a Jewish spokesman this week that N. Y. sports promoters have more influence with the legislature than does N. Y. Jewry.

Leo Pfeffer, counsel for the Joint Committee for a Fair Sabbath law, made that comment on the action of the New York

State Joint Legislative Committee, which proposed relief from the Sunday "blue laws" for various minor sports but refused to include a recommendation for passage of the measure for Jewish merchants.

The 25 Jewish organizations represented in the Joint Committee sent a telegram last week to Governor Thomas E. Dewey, protesting the legislative committee decision, which had been based on an earlier announcement by a member of the committee that there was insufficient time to consider the proposed Sabbath law for Jewish merchants.

FIGHT CONTINUES

Pfeffer, insisting that the fight to get such a law approved during the present session was not

Germany Can't Pay Says Industrialist

WASHINGTON (NJP) — A representative of a German corporation last week told a conference of American corporation executives that it was not to be expected that Germany should meet the reported reparations demands of Israel. H. B. Pierce, U. S. representative of the "Deutsche Allgemeine Elektrizität-Gesellschaft" and former vice-president of the International General Electric company, said it was absolutely impossible for Germany to pay the huge sum of one and a half billion dollars Israel was expected to demand.

ended, said that all district attorneys in Greater N. Y. were being asked to endorse the bill. He told The Post that he expected all the district attorneys, none of whom are Jewish, to give their endorsement on the grounds of religious freedom.

Pfeffer said he also plans to prepare a complete report on the three-year fight for the law, which the rabbis represented in the constituent rabbinical organizations will be asked to present from their pulpits at forthcoming services. He said no date had been selected for this step. All major rabbinical organizations, Reform, Conservative and Orthodox, are represented on the Joint Committee, representing in turn more than 500 congregations in the state.

SCORES ARGUMENTS

Pfeffer blasted arguments that the special legislative committee had insufficient time to study the measure, asserting that briefs had been presented to every state solon and that the provisions of the proposed measure were well known to the legislators.

"They could pass the bill in 24 hours if they wanted to," he told The Post. "We simply have not been able to bring enough pressure to bear on them to obtain action. Certainly, we haven't been able to carry as much weight as the sports promoters."

JEWISH COMMITTEE, CJFWF HIT ON LACK OF DEMOCRACY

NEW YORK (NJP)—The general trend in American Jewish life is away from democratic participation in determining basic policies and toward rule by a combination of professionals and big givers, an observer who has served American Jewry for more than half a century told The Post in an exclusive interview.

Bernard G. Richards, one of the founders and for 16 years executive director of the American Jewish Congress and director of the Jewish Information Bureau, who will be feted March 25 on his 75th birthday, regarded the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds (CJFWF) and the American Jewish Committee as among the worse violators of democratic practice.

The CJFWF, which represents the 300-odd local federations, asserted Richards, could be the hope of American Jewish democracy. But "there is too much concentration on philanthropy."

"The CJFWF works in a mechanical kind of way. The flesh and blood of democratic life doesn't seem to exist."

Richards cited the annual General Assemblies of the CJFWF, which he insisted were not democratic.

"There is little attempt to encourage discussion from the floor. The CJFWF assemblies don't seem to meet as legislatures. The leaders do the legislating and the delegates approve the proposals. Certainly the leadership of the CJFWF has the means of setting a better example, but it's not being done."

He declared: "We American Jews live in an era of bigness—big drives, big contributors, big machines, big noise."

LEADERSHIP OF MERIT LOST

"As long as this kind of 'campaign Judaism' dominates American Jewish life, the big givers must and do count for the most and you lose much of the real leadership of merit. Generally speaking the decisions are made at the top by the magnates, with very good objectives—don't misunderstand me—but with very little concern for democratic procedures."

Richards took an especially dim view of the practice of democracy in the American Jewish Committee.

"The Committee is now trying to build up a facade of chapters," he commented. "The Committee no longer even mentions members; it talks about chapters. There is also much palaver about leaders, a fashion followed generally by Jewish organizations."

"The continuous references to leaders in Jewish activity," continued the veteran observer, "sometimes gives the impression that every one of the five million Jews of America is a leader, which I suppose is one way of solving a trying problem in organization life."

There are Jewish organizations on the other side, Richards stipulated, commenting that "certainly the Zionist organizations try to approximate the democratic process. So do Jewish fraternal orders like B'nai B'rith."

COMMUNITY COUNCILS OFFER HOPE FOR DEMOCRACY

"The Jewish community councils also offer real hope of active participation in the making of important decisions at the local level by a wide variety of Jewish opinions."

"Some day," he added, "a central representative national body may develop from these community councils."

But, he emphasized, "when you talk about democracy in American Jewish life, it is important to remember that you cannot have any system comparable to the American election process of individual voting by which Americans choose their representatives and policy-makers."

"All you can hope for is an approximation in which the goal is to strive for selection of officers, from the local to the national level, on a basis of the widest possible expression of all shades of interested Jewish opinion."

The veteran Zionist, Jewish communal worker and journalist will be honored at a testimonial dinner March 25 at the Hotel McAlpin, the proceeds of which will go to Richards' beloved and unique hobby and institution, the Jewish Information Bureau. More than 300 of his friends and co-workers, including Dr. Mordecai Kaplan, Ludwig Lewisohn, Louis Lipsky, Harry Scherman and Rudolf Sonneborn will gather to honor him.

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ISRAEL KNESSET PASSES LAW ON AGUNOT

LONDON—Settlement of questions concerning agunot have been turned over partly to civil jurisdiction under a new law passed in Kneset last week, as reported in The Jewish Chronicle. The bulk of the cases likely to arise in the immediate future concerning widows of men whose deaths have not been positively established,

however, will remain under rabbinic jurisdiction.

The new law provides for the issue in two categories of death certificates for persons missing for some time who can reasonably be assumed dead.

The first category covers those who lived in Israel or who had property there and can be

assumed to have been killed in war or by accident. The Jerusalem District Court under the new law is authorized to issue death certificates for this category.

The second category, to be regulated in conformity with the United Nations convention on the declaration of the death of

missing persons, over which the Israeli rabbinate presumably will have jurisdiction, includes those who lived in Africa, Asia or Europe, and who disappeared between 1939 and 1945 as a result of the war or through racial, religious or national persecution.



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NAMES IN THE NEWS

'Jewish Revival Needed in North America Before It Can Take Place in Israel'—Samuel

MAURICE Samuel, noted author and translator, told a United Jewish Welfare Fund meeting in Toronto, Canada, that the greatest danger to the State of Israel is not Arab invasion or economic collapse but the loss of character as a Jewish state, adding that "a great revival of Judaism on the North American continent is necessary for a spiritual revival in Israel itself" . . . Her jokes and stories have been reduced to a Yiddish content of only 20%, Molly Picon, famed Yiddish comedienne, mourned recently. Not that she thinks the change has made her any less popular, she explained, but the heart is torn out of an act when those "in the know" have to whisper quickly to translate for the "greenhorns" who were born this side of the Atlantic Ocean.



SAMUEL

ADL Defends Anti-Semites? **A** REGIONAL director for the Anti-Defamation League found himself recently in the odd position of defending an organization which had been called anti-Semitic. Hyman H. Haves, ADL Connecticut director, writing in The Jewish Ledger of Hartford, insisted that charges of bias against the

Druids, a University of Connecticut secret organization, "were not honestly presented and were used as part of the political struggle for campus control. I never have favored secret societies," he wrote, "but one must deplore the use of false issues to defeat that which one opposes."

Learned It in War

A RABBI, priest and minister officiated in an unusual military funeral for Thomas Douglas Laymance, Houston, Tex., who died recently at 32. Laymance had requested the inter-faith burial, which was held at sundown Monday, with his wife and children in attendance. Friends of Laymance said he came to believe in racial and religious brotherhood during his four-years in the service as a sergeant in the marines.

Students Honor Ambassador

WHAT is believed to be the first such gesture in the country, was a bank loan made by representatives of the Jewish student body of the University of Alabama, at Tuscaloosa, in order to present Ambassador Eban with a \$1,000 check for the United Jewish Appeal, in honor of his visit there.

With the Rabbis

RABBI Sidney Lebor, formerly of London, England; Mir, Poland; Telshe, Lithuania; Brooklyn, N.Y.; Phoenixville, Pa. and Middle Village, N. Y., has been elected spiritual leader of Congregation Bikur Cholim Ahavat Achim, a merger of two of the oldest congregations in New Haven, Conn. . . . Rabbi Julius Fink, director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, member of the faculty at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., was honored on his eighth year of service at the Foundation . . . Rabbi Max Schreier is

new spiritual leader at Beth Shalom Congregation, Rochester, N. Y. . . . Miss Janet Koch, Dallas, Tex., was married recently to Rabbi Herbert M. Yarrish, chaplain at Lackland Air Base, San Antonio.

Rabbi Herman Hailperin has been elected to life tenure as spiritual leader of Tree of Life Synagogue, Pittsburgh, Pa., his first and only pulpit, where he has served since 1922 . . . Rabbi Samuel Halevi Baron, director of synagogue and religious activities of the American Council for Judaism; Eugene Blachschleger, Montgomery, Ala.; Leon I. Feuer, Toledo, O.; Morris Goldstein, San Francisco; Sidney L. Regner, Reading, Pa.; Charles Shulman, N.Y., and Samuel Wohl, Cincinnati, all are being honored this year on their 25th year in the rabbinate. . . . Rabbi Julius Silberfeld, 76, will be feted on his 50th year in the pulpit of Temple B'nai Abraham, Newark, N. J., which is marking its centennial . . . Rabbi Norman Goldberg, Chicago, has been assigned to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., as U.S. Army chaplain . . . Rabbi and Mrs. Milton Rosenbaum, Fort Worth, Tex., announce the birth of a son, Daniel . . . Rabbi and Mrs. Philip Pincus, Chicago, announce the engagement of their daughter, Zippora, in Jerusalem.

Deaths

DR. LOUIS Cohen, Philadelphia chest specialist and medical director of Eagleville Sanatorium, died at 52 . . . Mrs. Isadore Sabel, Philadelphia, vice-president of the Allied Jewish Appeal, died in Miami Beach on the eve of the opening of the United Jewish Appeal drive there, at 59 . . . Simon Gelb, an ordained rabbi who served 27 years as teacher at the Talmud Torah of Minneapolis, died at 68 . . . Mrs. Rose Phillips, Minneapolis organizational leader, and mother of Jay Phillips, prominent member of the Minneapolis Federation, died at 74 . . . Emanuel Spector, "Mr. UJF" (United

REPORT FROM HOLLYWOOD

WHEN A H'WOOD. COLUMNIST TALKS ABOUT PHILOSOPHY, LOVE AND SUCH

By SHIMON WINCEBERG

LECTURING locally on "Judaism and Civilization," Prof. Martin Buber used the example of two religiously inclined Jewish thinkers, Bergson and Simone Weil, to make his point. Both had felt Judaism to be religiously unsatisfying, and turned to Christianity. Neither actually became converted. Bergson unwilling to leave the community of the oppressed, and Weil, possibly, because she considered the Church "still far too Jewish."

Buber felt that both had, rather ignorantly, accepted Christianity's conventional view of Judaism. Bergson, with his unfounded conception of "Jewish particularism" vs. "Christian universalism," and Weil, who "reproaches Israel of idolatry." Both "turned away from a Judaism they did not know."

Possibly some mild disappointment among those who had come, expecting to hear about Hasidus or Yiddishkeit, in the non-abstract sense. Excellent turn-out and audience response, however.

Prof. Buber's rationale of pure Hasidism: "Everything is waiting to be hallowed by you . . . For the sake of this, God created the world . . . so that you may bring it closer to Him . . . Meet the world with the fullness of your being, and you will meet Him."

During the question period which followed, Prof. Buber made the point that the future of Jewry "depends upon revival of its religious existence." Explained, that there is little value to proselytizing in words. Thing to do is set a living example, communally. "To become a holy people does not mean to preach holiness."

THIS week, our sprinkling of straight film news (it's not that I'm trying to make up for introducing a touch of philosophy into this corner, or anything like that, you understand) comes to us courtesy of Edwin Schallert's column in the L.A. Times.

The news is that Herbert Kline, the man who directed Meyer Levin's "My Father's House" a couple of years ago, has bought the motion picture rights to "The Story of Ruth" from writers Frank and Doris Hursley. Kline, it says, plans to do the film in Israel (also in Moab, it says) with Aline MacMahon (an excellent choice, I think) as Naomi. Ruth and Boaz, so far, remain uncast.

Frank and Doris Hursley, it appears, are the people who also sold "The Story of Esther" to Hedy Lamarr.

And, according to a Columbia newsrelease, it's all set for Michael Blankfort to direct his screenplay of his Israel novel "The Juggler." Columbia, this April, also intends to film a story about "the current unrest in Egypt." Title, "Cairo to Suez;" producer, Sam Katzman; writer, Sol Shor.

TURNING to the social page, we find that Mr. and Mrs. David Winceberg, of Kiel, Berlin, New York, and Los Angeles, are announcing the engagement of their daughter Diane (nee Dina) to Mr. Herbert Kalter, of Leipzig, New York, and the Yeshiva of Krakow. The bride-elect, as such people are called, was formerly active with the Max Factor Hollywood Make-Up outfit, and the Young Israel of Los Angeles. A New York wedding is planned for early this summer, depending partially on what happens meanwhile with the bride's popular and successful brother last reported going down for the third time in fabulous far-away Hollywood.

Jewish Fund) of Pittsburgh, week at 23. He is survived by died at 55.

Rabbi Hersch Neiman, 57, Brooklyn, was killed in an auto crash near Columbia, Tenn. . . . Dr. Alfred Einstein, internationally known musicologist and cousin of Albert Einstein, died at 71 . . . Dr. Isaac Gerber, a pioneer in X-ray research in the U.S., succumbed at 66 to the effects of radiation which had crippled him 30 years ago . . . Mrs. Sarah Wise, widow of Rabbi Michael Wise and mother of Rabbi Nathan Wise, Attleboro, Mass., and Rabbi Joseph Wise Mt. Vernon, N.Y., died at 56. She was brought to Jerusalem, from where she had come to the U.S., for interment . . . Rabbi Morris G. Silk, Providence, R.I., died at 71 . . . Rabbi Wolfe Macht, Waco, Tex., died recently. Elihu Silverman, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Morris Silverman, Hartford, Conn., and brother of Arthur and naval chaplain Hillel Silverman, died suddenly last

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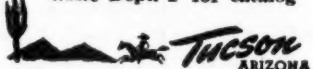
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WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

TOTAL INGATHERING OF EXILES
NOT VERY DESIRABLE OBJECTIVE

By HELEN COHEN

CAN'T figure out Ben Gurion's desire to ingather all the exiles. Without a diaspora, where, I want to know, would outstanding Israelis go on speaking tours.

Seriously, while we understand his chagrin at the disappointingly small number of American Jews who have gone to Israel to help build up the land, the talk of liquidating the diaspora, or similar notions, always strikes me as being in the same category as killing the goose that lays the golden eggs.

Aside from the obvious assistance which world Jewry can be in its financial contributions (which we hope will continue as long as it is needed), there is the less appreciated, because it is less tangible, help which comes from being respected citizens of the many countries in which Jews are found today.

Did you notice the story in The Post of the South American statesman who was so influential in the U.N. in favor of establishing the Jewish State? It was learned that his sympathetic attitude stemmed partly from his mother's exhortations and that she in turn had been moved by the pleas of some of the Jewish citizens of his country.



HELEN COHEN

I'M SAYING that it is good that Jews live together with other people. When those Jews are decent and friendly people (as we hope most of them will continue to be) they are thus appreciated by the decent and friendly non-Jews of the land, which in the end must benefit the tiny and struggling new state. The reverse, to have outside nations, unacquainted with people of Jewish faith, would hardly engender anything but distrust and lack of interest in Israel's problems.

Intermarriage plays a part in this picture.

There were two rather conflicting statements in The Post lately by two of its readers. One said that a Jew remained a Jew no matter what he did. Which obviously is not a correct statement, since we are aware of the fact that many Jews have been lost to Judaism in one or two generations through intermarriage.

The second statement was that there are no half-Jews. (The reader wrote in protest to General Mark Clark being called a half-Jew because his mother was Jewish.) Clark probably shouldn't be designated as a half-Jew, and he and all his kind are usually lost to Judaism, but it would not be too far wrong to assume that having a Jewish mother or father, loving them and coming in such close contact with them, would make non-Jews of this and earlier generations both tolerant of and sympathetic to the Jewish people.

I'VE HEARD of presidents of congregations and such who remained in office for several decades or until their death. If you don't mind my saying so, many of those cases were more in the way of honorary titles than jobs calling for honest sweat.

An instance of a woman who was honored on her retirement from the presidency of a group, deserves comment here because of the obvious effort which went with the positions she held.

Mrs. Morton Klinghoffer was feted—but good—when she retired as President of the Sisterhood of the Brooklyn Jewish Center. And here is the record:

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| Program Chairman | 17 years |
| Vice-President | 9 years |
| President | 3 years |

SAID the Vice-President of the Sisterhood to peals of laughter from Mrs. K's friends: "God made the world, then rested; then He made man, and rested; then He made Sarah Klinghoffer, and nobody rested."

Speaker Mrs. Marion Siner, President of the Women's League of the United Synagogue of America (Conservative), "emphasized the inherent Jewish spirit which dominated all of Mrs. Klinghoffer's programs."

The rabbis of the Center remarked upon "the dynamic drive, the creative ability and the humble, self-effacing personality of the guest of honor."

Held in "warmth and affection" by the Sisterhood, she was portrayed as "Our Jewish Woman of Achievement" by the new President.

Her response: "Your praises will be of use in teaching me, not what I am, but what I ought to be."

Can't understand why they let her go so soon. From her picture (at the speakers' table) in the Brooklyn Jewish Center Review, she looks like she could last for another 20 years or more.

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your name means? Ad-
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Christian

Dear Mr. Pearlroth:

I would like to know the origin of my mother's maiden name of Christian. My grandparents came from a town in Latvia. As a Russian possession it was Dvinsk and as a German town it was known as Dunaburg.

NORMA DORB
Birmingham, Ala.

CHRISTIAN is indeed an unusual Jewish family name. It is of geographical origin being derived from the name of a small town in Silesia. The name of this town is Krystyan and it is situated near Pless. Both Latvia and Silesia were part of Poland before 1772 and transmigration of the Jewish inhabitants of those two provinces was a periodical occurrence.

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Bodenstein

Dear Mr. Pearlroth:

I would like to know the origin and meaning of my name. My parents came from Ryma now in Poland. For at least two generations back they were bakers.

ABRAHAM BODENSTIEN
Dayton, Ohio.

BODENSTEIN is the name of several localities in Germany. One is situated in Saxony, another is Braunschweig and a third is Bavaria. None of these three locations ever had any Jewish inhabitants. It is assumed therefore that the name was chosen by a member of the Austrian Commission set up in 1789 to bestow permanent family names upon the Jews of the Austrian province of Galicia. Some Jewish family names cannot be explained any other way. The member of the Commission probably commemorated his own name or place of origin.

What Foods These Morsels Be

Traditional Jewish Dishes Mother Used To Prepare

MRS. Edith Stern, 406 S. Melville Ave., Tampa, Florida, asks for the recipe for "stuffed cabbage with meat or the real old fashioned hulichkes as my mother used to make them. I have inquired," she continues, "amongst my friends and they tell me they use tomato sauce or paste or ketchup to give it coloring and taste, and it seems to me I don't recall my mother ever using these as she was of the old school. Yet her sauce was as brown and so sweet and sour."

Below we list two recipes, one with and one without the tomatoes. If any of our readers have any other suggestions, I'm sure Mrs. Stern would appreciate your help.

STUFFED CABBAGE LEAVES

Soak a cabbage in hot water until the leaves separate and become soft enough to handle. Form a ground meat mixture into small balls, wrap each ball in a cabbage leaf, and fasten with a toothpick or tie around with thread. If desired, the cabbage leaves may be browned in hot fat after they have been stuffed. The liquid in which they are cooked may be either water or stewed tomatoes or tomato juice.

Usually, cooked rice is used instead of bread crumbs in preparing mixtures for stuffed cabbage leaves; and the recipes which follow specify cooked rice. However, the rice may be substituted by an equal quantity of bread crumbs, if desired.

Number 1

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| 1 pound ground meat | 1 onion, chopped fine |
| 1 teaspoon salt | 1 or 2 eggs, slightly beaten |
| ½ teaspoon pepper | cabbage leaves |
| 1 cup cooked rice | 2 tablespoons fat |
| ½ cup bread crumbs | ½ cup hot water |

Mix meat, salt, pepper, rice, bread crumbs, onion and eggs. Form mixture into small balls, and wrap in cabbage leaves. Heat fat in pot, brown stuffed cabbage leaves in hot fat, add water, cover pot, and let simmer over fire about two hours. Turn occasionally, and add more hot water if necessary. Or, after browning, remove stuffed cabbage leaves to baking pan, pour 2 cups stewed tomatoes over them, cover pan and let cook in over at 300 degrees for two hours.

Number 2: Sweet and Sour

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| 1 pound ground meat | 2 cups stewed tomatoes |
| 1 teaspoon salt | hot water |
| ½ teaspoon pepper | 2 tablespoons brown sugar |
| ½ to 1 cup cooked rice | ½ cup raisins |
| 1 onion, chopped fine | 2 tablespoons vinegar or |
| cabbage leaves | juice of 1 lemon |

Mix meat, salt, pepper, rice and onion. Form mixture into small balls, and wrap in cabbage leaves. Line bottom of pot with leftover cabbage leaves, add stuffed cabbage leaves, add tomatoes and enough hot water to cover, and brown sugar, raisins and vinegar. cover pot, and let stew over slow fire about two hours, adding more hot water if necessary to keep stuffed leaves covered. When ready, taste the sauce. If desired, add salt and more brown sugar and vinegar and let simmer a few minutes longer before serving.



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Passover Regaining Its Glory

IF YOU want a true barometer of the revival of the Jewish community in the U. S., consider Passover.

Only a few short years ago, the Festival of Freedom, along with almost all other Jewish celebrations, was being consigned to a speedy disappearance by most Jews. To them, it was a vestigial remnant of an outmoded religion.

But today, the holiday is well on the road to reaching its prime again.

Jewish children all over the U. S. will rejoice in the story of the exodus and the tribulations the Jews experienced in the wilderness.

The adults will understand the holiday as the first time in history when a group fought for and won religious freedom.

The religionists will see in this return to ceremonial observance, the true combination of ritual and piety, the one supplementing the other to achieve not a greater practice of ritual, but the furthering of the identification of the people with the great ideals of Judaism.

Even the nationalists among us will be able to extract from the occasion the story of the welding of a conglomerate people into one nation.

Passover, unlike Hanuka, has not been

made over to answer a need that grew up as Jews found it difficult to contend with Christmas in a Christian environment. It is the same pristine holiday, not even reinterpreted, but celebrated today almost as it was in ancient Israel.

Some credit for this revitalization of the holiday must go to the food manufacturers who with varying motives, have provided the special Passover items that set off the holiday for Jews.

Only last year, these morsels graced the tables solely of traditionalist Jews. But this year even the Reform are beginning to drop their sophistication and take genuine pleasure out of Passover foods. If this is a shy and token step in the direction of full celebration, it is still important as an indication of the trend back to Jewish observance.

Today we can look back on the narrow escape that Jewish observance experienced in the past few decades.

Not every U. S. Jew today is observant. But neither is he the same indifferent almost hostile person he was just a few short years ago.

He is beginning to loosen up; to be his natural self again.

Frank Proven Right! ZOA Adopts Realistic Program

THERE are many critics of M. Z. Frank, Jewish Post columnist, and their number will probably grow as the predictions of this keenest of U. S. observers of the Israeli scene continue to become true one by one.

A man who is always right is hated more than a thief, and if M. Z.'s prognostications continue to be fulfilled, he'll soon be the most hated man in the U. S. Jewish press.

Not the least of M. Z.'s preachments was in connection with a program for the ZOA in Israel.

Week after week, column after column, while the ZOA leadership debated for years over a program for the organization, Frank was insisting that works in Israel were the lone avenue for reviving lagging zeal in the ZOA.

While lambasting the attempts of the ZOA's Bergen and McCarthy team to gain influence in Israel, Frank pointed out that this influence could be achieved in only one way, by achievements in Israel.

The ZOA finally has adopted a realistic program of activity in Israel. A program which, as Frank pointed out, will do a job in Israel

for Israel, without asking for any kind of control or domination.

That program has been achieved under the aegis, not of Rabbi Silver and Emanuel Neumann, but under the stewardship of a man now being attacked because he is not orator and, what seems to be worse, does not add prestige to the organization, whatever that is.

Sidney Marks' return from Israel recently, where he did the spadework for the foundation of ten trades schools, is the most constructive work the ZOA has done for Israel in many months. The program will train Israeli youth in trades under American direction. This is indigenous halutzit, and since U. S. halutzit has been to all intents and purposes abandoned by the so-called Zionist leadership in the U. S., this is by far the best substitute.

The program for trade schools has been endorsed officially by the national administrative council of the ZOA. This program must be pushed with all speed. It has everything in its favor and none of the disabilities on the one hand of seeking influence, and the flights of imagination on the other, which have made previous efforts along this line abortive.

Jewish Revival in U.S. Gathering Momentum

CHAPLAIN Elihu Rickel, who served in World War II and in Korea, did not offer, in the speech he made at the Jewish Center of Jackson Heights, N. Y. (NJP, March 7, 1952), to compare the Jewish servicemen of the two wars in their interest in Judaism.

But we are hazarding the guess that he believes that there has been a change for the worse.

For in World War II we heard glowing accounts of the returning interest in Judaism of the GI.

Now Chaplain Rickel reports inability to read Hebrew, confusion over the differences between Orthodoxy, Conservatism and Reform and dissatisfaction with our national Jewish organizations, especially the competition of these groups.

We hold forth that perhaps such a conclusion is not warranted, repeating again that Chaplain Rickel did not make such a deduction. If the serviceman were totally disinterested,

he would not register his dissatisfaction, and if he is perplexed by the differences between the three wings of Judaism, that in itself might be the first awakening signs of interest.

One thing is obvious from Chaplain Rickel's remarks.

Matters have reached a low level. That such a state would be reached inevitably was commonly agreed, since at the time the present GIs were being reared, the whole attitude of the Jewish community was still, for the most part, negative, and only the top and most sensitive portion was beginning to reveal signs of the revival which is now upon us.

But the revival will soon gather in the servicemen, as it is now reaching the adults, who are a generation older. The full effects of the revival are being felt most strongly by the young grade schoolers, who will be the first generation in the 20th century at least who will grow up as Jews who are neither second-class citizens nor warped Jews.

Does Hapoel Hamizrachi Seek Thought Control?

THE attempted rejection by the Hapoel Hamizrachi, the religious labor Zionist movement in the U. S., or by elements in it, of Rabbi Robert Gordis' application for membership is one of those amazing acts by a U. S. Jewish organization that would be hard to believe unless one happened actually to live through it.

There is no need to go into an ideological discussion of Rabbi Gordis' fitness religiously to be a member of the Hapoel Hamizrachi. In practice and in belief Rabbi Gordis' piety must exceed that of the vast majority of HH's membership.

Actually what we are witnessing is an attempt at thought control. The HH in the U. S. is seeking to build a tower around itself to keep out ideas.

This kind of technique breeds its own disintegration. If HH were sure of the correctness

of its own position, it would take in Rabbi Gordis and win him over. It is because of their own insecurity, that they act in the manner they have.

The whole attitude of some officials of HH resembles the book burning episode of a few years back when Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan's new Sabbath prayer book was put to the flame.

Rabbi Gordis' support should be welcome to any Jewish group anywhere in the world. He does not need encomiums from The Post to attest to his scholarship and his erudition.

Rabbi Gordis is a bigger man today in the U. S. Jewish community than practically anybody in the HH, and in actuality this is what is feared probably more than anything else.

In truth, Jewish organizational life has reached a low estate. We do not challenge HH's right not to admit Rabbi Gordis, we only deplore the attitude of the group.

THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

Editor, National Jewish Post:

YOUR editorial entitled "Press Excluded by American Jewish Committee" in your Feb. 22, 1952 issue is not only misleading, but not in accord with the facts.

As one of your subscribers residing in Brooklyn, I read The Post because it gives me the news and views of what is going on elsewhere from a Jewish point-of-view. However, you seem to have fallen into error in connection with the information printed in your editorial.

I have noted from your news items that you like to attend conventions—and who doesn't? However, have you ever tried to gain entrance to the AJC Conventions? As a member of the AJC, I attended the last annual convention and dinner and observed that a special table was set aside for the press.

There were also in attendance several representatives from Yiddish papers. It seemed to me that they were fully informed not only of what took place at the dinner-meeting, but also of what took place at the convention itself.

Why not read the objectives of the AJC and compare them with their deeds and performance. You can get a copy of this, like anyone else, by just asking the AJC for same. Can you name any organization that has accomplished and striven for the realization of its objectives as the AJC? You may not agree with all their objectives, but then again, all of your readers do not always agree with your own. The point is that both have the right to express them—that is democracy.

However, you have the edge on all groups through the printed page which is always at your command, and I have noted that you usually print the protests from your readers.

The next time the AJC annual convention comes around and you expect to be in these parts, let me know and I shall be glad to have you as my guest to attend and see for yourself what happens to the press. I am one of those inactive members who like to attend the annual convention and dinner and recall that at the last one, the Star Bangled Banner was followed by Hatikva and the meal was made to conform to the strictest kashrut observance.

Meanwhile, won't you print this protest against your misleading editorial caption.

ABRAHAM FEIT
Brooklyn, N. Y.

RIGHT OFF, I am accepting Mr. Feit's invitation.

But let me give him some background, so that he'll know what he's up against.

First I shall tell him that the presence of the press at some sessions of the Committee convention means nothing. The American Council for Judaism admits the press to its so-called "public sessions," and then, when it has a session which really gets down to business, it excludes the press under the guise of "executive sessions."

This is hypocrisy.

The Council wants people to think that it is democratic, so it can't really exclude the press altogether. The executive session is a device. I attended one convention of the Council and sat in on a morning meeting. There was quite a fight on the floor over various subjects, and I was shocked at some of the sentiments expressed, which I duly reported.

When I came back for the afternoon session, there was a hand-printed placard, which was prominently placed near the door-way, which read "executive session." I appealed to Lessing Rosenwald, but "executive session" it re-

mained, and I remained on the outside.

Do not think that I am comparing the Council to the Committee. But I have had an experience with the Committee which is just as shocking, if not more so. I have told it here once before, although not perhaps in such detail as now.

I AM A FRIEND of Jacob Blaustein's. I hope I still am. For some time before his elevation to the presidency, I knew that he had been carrying the brunt of the work as top executive of the Committee, although Judge Proskauer was nominally still the president.

I was very much pleased therefore when Jacob Blaustein was named president, and made it a point to attend the convention when he was elected to that office.

At the opening luncheon of the convention, I sat next to Sidney Hollander. This in itself is no small matter to me, as I admire Sidney as much as any Jew in the U. S. The soup was delicious, but that was all I ate.

One of the lackeys of the committee walked over to advise me that I would have to leave the convention, as the press was excluded. He hastened to assure me that I could finish the lunch. I walked up to the dais, where Mr. Blaustein was seated, explained that I had come to the convention partly to see him inducted into office, and expressed my resentment at the undemocratic attempt to exclude the Anglo-Jewish press.

He consulted first with Judge Proskauer and later with Slawson, who to my mind controls the Committee, and the decision against democracy stood.

I rose and left, and I hope the Committee had to pay for a full luncheon. Nothing hurts me more than to be ejected. I take it as more than a personal affront. It is a rejection of all that The Post stands for.

NOW MR. FEIT YOU know the background, and if the invitation still stands, I still accept.

The Zionist Organization of America, the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, and many others national organization are accused of being undemocratic. But their conventions are always open to the press.

In fact, that is their strength. It is also the strength of democracy.

For instance, at the last convention of the Committee, a strong resolution was passed against any attempt to establish any form of authoritarian control in the U. S. Jewish community. This resolution in effect repudiated the agreement the committee's representatives had signed at the Atlantic City plenum of the NCRAC affirming the report of the evaluative committee on the MacIver Report.

The question that arises, as far as I am concerned, is this. Was there any body of dissent from the resolution? Were there those who felt that the Committee should go along with the agreement it had signed at Atlantic City and cooperate with the other national Jewish organizations in the effort to bring some effective coordination into the field of Jewish civic defense.

Or was the resolution read at the convention of the committee and adopted without any comment? (Continued on next page)

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FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

HISTADRUT OFFICIAL DENIES FUNDS USED FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Editor, National Jewish Post:

In your issue of Feb. 1 your Editor's Chair was occupied by Seymour B. Liebman. Because of the disjointed statement and the patching together of so many non sequiturs, it would take too much space to attempt to track down all the insinuations and misrepresentations that make up the bulk of Mr. Liebman's diatribe...

In the first instance, Histadrut is not a political party. It is a labor federation, composed of workers with all political and religious views, from left to right, from Orthodox to atheist...

There is one major school system—the public schools financed entirely by local taxation, and not by philanthropic funds of UJA or the Histadrut Campaign. Within this public and compulsory school system are four recognized trends, of which two are Orthodox. Most of the curriculum of these schools is identical. The major stumbling block is not the labor trend (which has 42% of the pupils) but the religious trends, all the Mapam agitation to the contrary notwithstanding. A very strong segment of Mapai is ready to go along the road of a unified system... But Mr. Liebman must

not fall into the fallacy that the "American" system can prevail in a country where conditions and problems are so vastly different...

The Histadrut Campaign... does not finance the public schools (but) does maintain pre-school nurseries for children of working mothers and vocational schools for adolescence over the compulsory school age of 14...

Kupat Holim... is not a "class" institution—all immigrants regardless of party affiliations are given health insurance for three months up to a year (with the Jewish Agency footing only 20% of the bill). Every new settlement has a Kupat Holim clinic. It can be stated unequivocally that few enterprises in Israel have such a national character...

In conclusion, may I once again deny categorically that funds of the Histadrut Campaign are used for political activity in Israel. God knows that the requirements of the medical, vocational, cultural and other constructive institutions and services far exceed the amount that liberal and labor elements in American Jewry contribute to Histadrut.

NAHUM GUTTMAN

New York

Director of Public Relations, National Committee for Labor Israel

The Editor's Chair

(Continued from preceding page) merit from the floor?

Knowledge of all of this would throw a new light on the Committee's stand. The American Jewish community and the Committee members throughout the U. S. are interested in what takes place at the annual convention of the Committee. But with the press excluded, the only way we can learn of these convention happenings is by snooping or from a secondary source.

But the Committee and the Council are not the only two organizations which are blameworthy in this respect.

Two weeks ago, I purposefully coincided my trip to New York with the meeting called at the

Jewish Embassy in Washington, to hear Golda Myerson. I asked Henry Montor if I could go down to Washington for the meeting and he said no.

I offered not to print anything before submitting it to him for approval, but he still said no. Henry has always kept me out of any meetings he has held. That may be his business, but my business is to get in.

Still, out of respect for what the bonds are doing for Israel, I wrote nothing here.

But that didn't prevent our Washington correspondent from expressing his resentment. Here's the way he put it in a note to me:

"Enclosed is also the release for tonight's session (first session) of the economic conference being held here over the week-end with Golda Myerson. I shall send you a wire on Sunday covering the sessions of that day. You might stress this in the story: THE PRESS WAS NOT ADMITTED TO ANY OF THE SESSIONS. The excuse given was that they wanted to have a free and frank discussion, to air all grievances and complaints, therefore... I think it is outrageous. We were simply given a handout and that was all.

MURRAY FRANK

NOW I AM NOT DOPY enough

Rabbi Katz Explains Stand on Masons

Editor, National Jewish Post:

With reference to Lewis Ginsburg's writeup in the Feb. 22 issue pertaining to certain observations I have made concerning Jewish Masons, I would like to clarify very explicitly my position, especially to many Jewish Masons in St. Paul and some in Minneapolis.

My remarks were definitely not directed against the Masonic movement, but rather towards certain attitudes of some Jewish Masons. I have a high regard for Masonry and respect for those who live up to its teachings. My references were not intended as an indictment of Masonry or of the affiliation of Jews with Masonry. It was an attempt to solicit and encourage a greater participation of Jews, both Masons and non-Masons, in communal Jewish life and more regular attendance at religious services and other synagogue functions.

Also, my statements could not have been voiced against all Masons of Congregation Sons of Jacob of which I am rabbi, since many Masons are very active in the congregation. Further, the president, the secretary, the president of the Men's Club and the chairman of the Building Committee are Masons. I had expressed to your correspondent, Lewis Ginsburg, that I and other rabbis would be very happy if some Masons would devote as much time to the synagogue—to Judaism—as they do for Masonry.

My observations about some Jewish Masons as reported by Lewis Ginsburg were based on data I had gathered from colleagues and close friends in various communities over a period of many years.

RABBI MORRIS C. KATZ
St. Paul, Minn.

to expect to sit in on all deliberations that concern the American Jewish community. Sidney Hollander, whose faith in democracy exceeds that of almost anyone I know, would allow me to sit in on some of the executive committee meetings of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, as also did Stanley Meyer, who succeeded Sidney as president.

But that much I don't expect. Our job is to report on developments in the U. S. Jewish community. That is the task entrusted to us by our readers. Once at a United Jewish Appeal meeting in Atlantic City, which Henry Montor headed at that time, they threatened to call the police when I ventured into the meeting by a side door.

Well Mr. Feit, What do you say? What is the date of the next Committee convention? I'll meet you there and we'll both get thrown out together.

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SMITH COLLEGE PROFESSOR THINKS YOUNG JEWS KNOW LITTLE JUDAISM

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

JUST WHAT do Jewish young people learn in their synagogues and temples, Prof. S. Ralph Harlow of Smith College wants to know.

In a course on Jewish contributions to democracy, attended by a large number of Jewish students, Prof. Harlow gave his charges a little quiz. He wanted them to write a single sentence about the following: Habbakuk, Dreyfus, Hadasah, Menorah, Hillel, C humash, Jeroboam, Malachi, Hosea, and Aaron.



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Reporting the results in a letter to the Boston Jewish Advocate, the professor reveals that the ignorance of the Jewish students was no less than abysmal. Only a single student identified Aaron; the same number knew who Hillel was. Menorah was described by one as something you wear around your neck. One student deplored that Dreyfus was hanged by the French.

Commenting on the deplorable expose, Aaron Zeitlin of The Day writes: "Chances are that many Jewish parents also would have flunked the quiz."

Aleph Daled Gordon Revered Holy Writ

IT HAS been 30 years since Aaron David Gordon, the intellectual giant of the movement which has come to be known as Labor Zionism, died. His slogan about "the religion of labor" inspired the formation of Histadrut and he is the patron saint of both the Mapai and the Mapam (which experienced a schism two weeks ago).

Although he does not sympathize with the philosophy of Labor Zionism, Aaron Zeitlin reminds labor Zionists on the occasion of their leader's yahrzeit that Gordon was not anti-religious. Nor did he despise Holy Writ.

To prove his point Zeitlin quotes from Aleph Daled's writings and urges modern Jewish laborites to accept Gordon's doctrine that the Scriptures "are holy books which must never be surrendered nor replaced."

Young People's League To Meet Next Week

NEW YORK—Six hundred delegates from all parts of the U. S. are expected to attend the Silver Jubilee Convention next week of the Young People's League of the (Conservative) United Synagogue of America. According to Eugene Matanky of Chicago, president, the theme of the convention, which will be held in Atlantic City March 20-23, will be "Revitalization of Jewish Consciousness."

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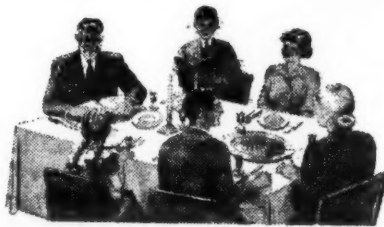
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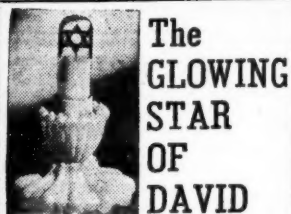
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ST. JOHN TELLS INTERESTING TALE OF FANATIC WHO REVIVED HEBREW

TONGUE OF THE PROPHETS, by Robert St. John. Doubleday. By MEYER LEVIN

HASTEN out and buy your own copy of this biography of Eliezer Ben Yehuda, the man who put the Hebrew tongue back into circulation. And if you have gifts to give, particularly to non-Jews, this life-story of a successful fanatic is highly recommended. It is odd, it is fascinating, it is educative, it is easy to read.

All this is not to say that Tongue of the Prophets is literature, or even definitive biography. It is a popular-style book done with journalistic verve and considerable enthusiasm, it is colorful, and it is human. Though I thought myself fairly familiar with Zionism and the earlier days of the settlement in Palestine, I learned a great deal from Tongue of the Prophets. The book is particularly valuable for the atmosphere of the very early days under the Turkish regime, for Ben Yehuda first came to Palestine in 1881, and died only a few years after the Balfour Declaration set off the full movement toward realization of the Jewish state.

He came as a young Hebrew writer who had been raised in Lithuania and Russia, and then



LEVIN

BACK in the old country, in the village of Glubkoiah, was the Yonas family, in whose house he had been educated. The elder daughter, Deborah, considered herself engaged to him. Now, despite his illness, his poverty, and his mad idea of living in Jerusalem, she joined him on his journey; they were married, and lived in a tiny Arab-style flat near the Mosque of Omar. Ben Yehuda—he was perhaps the first of modern Zionists to change to a Hebrew name—gradually took over a tiny Hebrew weekly which he edited and set in type, and mailed out.

At that time, it was a wild idea to use Hebrew for daily speech, even in Palestine. Most Jews were opposed to it, on religious grounds. Hebrew was the holy tongue, reserved for prayer. But Ben Yehuda began, first by teaching his wife, then by making a rule that their child should hear nothing but Hebrew spoken, and banning from the house, or reducing to silence, all visitors who could not speak the tongue. Soon they enlisted a few shopkeepers. He began to develop a corps of teachers. And he began his quest for lost and forgotten words, needed in daily conversation, that was to lead to his life-work, the compilation of the great dictionary.

The epic struggle to bring out his work is made truly exciting by Robert St. John. Through all of his early years, Ben Yehuda was terribly poor, working sometimes with a small stipend from the Baron Rothschild, whom he had met in Paris, but who always threatened to withdraw financial

support if ideas of a Jewish state were to appear in Ben Yehuda's journal. Once, when an ambiguous line appeared in an article, that could be interpreted as a call to fight for the establishment of such a state, Ben Yehuda was imprisoned by the Turks. He became a cause celebre, and the ambivalent Rothschild ordered his agent in Palestine to spare no expense to win the editor's freedom.

HIS first wife had contracted tuberculosis, and died. Her young sister, Hemda, overcame all parental resistance and Ben Yehuda's own injunctions, to come to Jerusalem to marry him. This doughty woman for many years crusaded to have the dictionary published. Each volume meant a campaign of traveling, begging, to raise a few thousand dollars to guarantee the printing of the classic. Only in his latter years was there full recognition and some degree of working ease, through a committee organized in America to make it possible for Ben Yehuda to devote himself to the multi-volumed dictionary, regarded everywhere by scholars as one of the greatest achievements in the history of lexicography.

Of course Ben Yehuda was a stormy, emotional person with many enemies, and what emerges from this volume is a hero-story that is virtually uncritical. But within limitations of popular biography, that is enough.

Robert St. John, who previously wrote Shalom Means Peace, met Hemda Ben Yehuda a few years before her death, and it was her spirited story-telling of her life with Ben Yehuda that led St. John to undertake this volume.

As in the case of John Hersey's The Wall, I suppose many will wonder how it happened that no Jewish writer undertook this material, indeed St. John himself seemed startled that the subject had been neglected. Sometimes, as in the case of The Wall, there is high-level suggestion that a non-Jewish writer will bring the material to a far wider audience. Sometimes, as in this case, we are blind to the possibilities that are close to us. But it is heart-warming to find the fascination of a Jew's story so well brought out for a general audience.

Yeshiva U. Inaugurates Cantorial Workshop

NEW YORK—A cantor's training program has been inaugurated by Yeshiva College. Dr. Karl Adler, director of the new Cantorial Workshop, who will also lecture on musical theory and voice production, announced that the training will be conducted by Cantor Pinchas Jasinosky, who will lecture on Nusach (styles of Jewish prayer music); Dr. Brodnitz, throat specialist, on vocal physiology and hygiene; Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig, professor of Jewish history, on the origin of and laws pertaining to prayer; and William Tuckman, noted musician and student of Jewish liturgy, on the modes of Jewish liturgy.

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FLURRY OF ZOA POLITICAL ACTIVITY INDICATIVE OF ACTIVE DEMOCRACY

By CARL ALPERT

THERE is political activity and excitement in the Zionist Organization of America this year. Convention is approaching, and with it the time for the election of a new president and a new administration. One group of loyal Z.O.A. members clusters about a candidate and advances a program on which, they say, the organization can best grow and render service. Another group surrounds a second candidate, and defends the present administration against criticism, open and implied. In the wings stand several other candidates for office, unselfishly ready to offer themselves should the people call or the political exigencies of the moment dictate.

To the extent that it does not interfere with normal organizational activity, this is a healthy state of affairs. It is democracy in action, with full opportunity for every point of view to declare itself and seek the support of the electorate. There can be neither stagnation nor retrogression in an organization which every few years thus permits the cool clean air of change to blow through its structure. Progress inevitably grows out of stimulating clash of ideas, principles and personalities, and, conversely, is stifled by lack of change or lack of challenge of vested authority.



ALPERT

THERE is almost no other Jewish organization on the national scene in this country which can match the Z.O.A. in this respect. Most of the large organizations, whether the powerful women's groups or the wealthy fraternal and civic defense bodies, are governed by a semi-oligarchic, self-perpetuating handful of people who pass the leadership on jealously and carefully to others in the same small circle.

Outspoken criticism of an administration is rarely permitted, opposition of any kind is muffled at once, and all elections for national office almost invariably go off in a tame sort of peaceful unanimity. Theoretically peace may seem preferable to political strife, but true democracy can be had only at a price. The question is whether democracy really has any meaning in Jewish organizational life—or only the appearance and the forms of democracy, without its essential elements.

There are similar difficulties on the local scene as well, though these are not equally rooted in deliberately repressive policy. A synagogue, lodge, chapter or club in which the members do not aspire to office, in which there is no competition for leadership, in which the incumbents cannot prevail upon successors to take over the chief administrative posts, is already in the first stages of decay. On the other hand, competition and loyal opposition, operating within the usual framework, provide the best basis for growth and progress.

WE ARE familiar with those foreign states in which the voters give 99 or even 100 per cent support to one party. Such unanimity is unnatural and deadening in its influence, and should be combated in organizational life. Autocracy in public institutions should be resisted on principles even if it has meant "efficiency." Mussolini's great contribution to Italy, it may be recalled, was that he made the trains run on time.

And so, as I hear the Z.O.A. candidates and their respective supporters sounding forth, I am pleased and encouraged. Here is a live, virile, democratic organization, fully responsive to the wishes of its members and pliable to the influence of those who organize for principles which they believe right. Such an organization can never decay, for at each election struggle it renews its youthful spirit.

Jewish life in America would be a far healthier state if other organizations were subject to similar periodic renewal.

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By M. Z. FRANK

BEN-GURION has succeeded in finding young men who run the army in a far more efficient manner than most government departments. But, as late as February 20, 1952, when winding up the debate in the Knesset on the new economic policy, he admitted the government administration was deficient and was in need of improvements.

In his radio address in October 1950, he said there was lack of co-ordination among the various government departments. There has been little, if any, improvement since, at least on the surface. A great deal of preparatory work is being done. Let us hope, it will bring results.

It would seem that what this young democracy needs is what its young army got—fresh blood in the administration. Before the last elections, there was a fierce struggle within both major parties—Mapai and the General Zionists. In each party the old deadwood refused to make room for younger people as candidates to the Knesset. The result is a high age average in the Government and the Knesset in such a young country.



FRANK

ISRAEL is run by people who are great at starting things, but poor at managing them; who are daring and revolutionary in big things but stick-in-the-muds in details.

The have succeeded in changing the course of history, but they balk at changing an outmoded bookkeeping system. They are great in emergencies, but petty and inefficient in ordinary business. They are great propagandists, but have the world's worst sense of public relations. They have a passionate devotion to the principles of democracy, but the tone they assume is often undemocratic.

They are ready for any sacrifice, to lay down their lives and to take their most heartbreaking losses with a smile. But they often let a petty peeve, a personal dislike, govern their important decisions. They have kept their rendezvous with destiny, but they don't know what it means to keep a business appointment. They have licked seven Arab armies and they could do it again. But they can't take a telephone message, or keep a file or delegate authority.

So far, they have shown that the only experience they will learn from is their own. They are learning a great deal, but they cannot afford to wait that long. It is time they learn how to learn by the experience of others.

They have to learn these things, they have to acquire new virtues, or their old virtues which stood them so well will have proven useless.

THE ONE leader who realizes it more clearly than anybody else is Ben-Gurion himself. He has shown it both in his words and in some of his actions—in the Ministry of Defense, and, to some extent, in the Office of the Prime Minister. But not always. Certainly not always in the putting together of a cabinet.

Ministries vital to the economy of the country, such as agriculture, Trade and Industry, Supply and Ration, in the past two years, have been taken apart and put together again, like children's toys, with resulting waste, delay and confusion—and public demoralization.

Jews of America can help a great deal, but not by playing Israel politics in America. Friendly, but nevertheless frank, criticism, even in the face of the Israeli's excessive touchiness, is not out of place.

It has been my firm conviction that the worst evil in Israel is not this or that plan—good, bad or indifferent—but the way plans are executed.

The problem is administration.

'Beast of Belsen'
Wins Retrial

MINICH (WNS)—Ilse Kosh, the "beast of Belsen," has won a retrial, which will open April 22, of the war crimes charges against her. The retrial was granted on her appeal from a life sentence imposed by a German court Jan. 1951 on charges of having shot 24 Jewish inmates of the Buchenwald concentra-

tion camp.

She had been sentenced previously for life on charges which included having ordered lampshades and book covers made from skins of victims in camps under her supervision. That sentence subsequently was reduced to four years by Gen. Lucius D. Clay, then U. S. Military Commander in Germany. His action touched off a storm in the U. S. which led to a senatorial investigation.



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'Dead Sea Scrolls'
Survey Issued

By HAROLD U. RIBALOW

MACMILLAN HAS ISSUED A volume called "The Dead Sea Scrolls: A Preliminary Survey" by A. Dupont-Sommer, which deals with the scrolls discovered three years ago near the Dead Sea and believed to be 3,000 years old. A full account is given of their discovery, content and significance to Judaism and Christianity.

THE ONLY SO-CALLED "RELIGIOUS" book to be published by the Jewish Publication Society this year is Rabbi Bernard Bamberger's "Fallen Angels," in which the Rabbi of the West End Synagogue, N.Y., discusses the contrast between the Satan of Jewish folklore and the Christian devil, and the role of the fallen angels in the folklore of western religion.

"WHAT MAKES SAMMY Run," by Budd Schulberg, his first novel, published in the 1930s, will be published this spring by Random House, as a Modern Library title, with a new and special introduction by the author. The book, which has been reprinted in 25-cent Bantam edition, has been the subject of much controversy because it deals with a Jew, Sammy Glick, and his unscrupulous rise to power.

"PATTERNS OF BELIEF IN Modern Literature: The Contemporary Jew and His Judaism," by Judah Goldin, newly-appointed Dean of the Teachers' Institute and Seminary College of Jewish Studies of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, will be published shortly.

A CRITICAL STUDY OF William Faulkner, by Irving Howe, will be published by Random House. Howe already has written another critical study, of Sherwood Anderson. The latter was indifferently received by the reviewers, who felt he did not admire his subject, and in order to write understandingly a full book about a writer, you should at least think well of his ability.

SOME NEWS about Jewish books remaindered, which means they sold very poorly and the publishers dumped them for a pittance.

"GO FIGHT CITY HALL," by Ethel Rosenberg, published by Simon and Schuster. This "remainder" is the book's third printing, which means the first two printings sold out, but the publisher overestimated the potential sale of the book. The first printing of Mrs. Rosenberg's "Uncle Julius and the Angel With Heartburn" also has been remaindered. Also Isidore Rosen's "Will of Iron," a novel about a Jewish matriarch and her family, and "The Embarkation," by Murray Gitlin, a fast-moving story about a Jewish GI who helps Jewish refugees in Italy escape to Israel.

Requests in Philadelphia
For 'Mein Kampf' Grow

PHILADELPHIA — Requests at public libraries here for Hitler's "Mein Kampf" have increased since the recent incidents involving an alleged "Nazi youth movement" among Olney high school students, it was reported in The Jewish Times.

The boys reportedly were inspired in their alleged goose-stepping, heiling and the wearing of swastika armbands from their reading of Mein Kampf.

THE RECORD RACK

HOSANNAHS ON JUBILANT RETURN
OF ISRAEL MUSIC FOUNDATION

By JOSEPH GALE

THE Israel Music Foundation, after a non-productive interval of nearly two years, is in circulation again with two new releases. The first of these, Israeli Folk Dances, should be available soon.

IMF's resumption of activity is glad news to anyone who has listened to its recordings with appreciation, recognizing a company dedicated to the growth and dissemination of the music of that fledgling country.

Whether Israel can be said to have any truly native art form, considering its polyglot character, is a debatable point. But the Foundation's initial releases, if not technically above reproach, had a pungence and originality unaccustomed on the domestic recording scene. And they were quite Israeli, definitely unlike the concepts offered by other outfits working from sources transplanted to the United States.

THE spirit of freedom, independence, and intrinsic worth that emanated from the first few productions seems to have been preserved intact. We have listened to test pressings of Israeli Folk Dances, six authentic numbers built around the off-beat, syncopated rhythm apparently de rigueur in most Israeli music, and found them refreshing and even exciting. As a matter of fact, they are the most exciting things we have listened to in some time.

The dances are sung by soprano Martha Schlamme and tenor Mort Freeman, and are played by Eliakum and the Israel Dance Orchestra. The album (available in LP and 78 RPM) begins with "Ma-yim, Ma-yim," proceeds with a "Hanoded" and "Hora Aggadati," builds through a "SHERELE" and "Im Hoopalnu," and ends in a wild, entrancing "Cherkassiya" complete with a monitor calling in both English and Hebrew.

Lest your interest be dampened by mention of a dance orchestra, the one featured here only faintly resembles the Jewish ensemble most of us know. The principal differences are a lack of insistence on the cumulative quality of sound, and a small thing called arrangements. What this group does with a fife, drum, guitar, and accordion is a gladdening sound to these old ears.

THE musical arrangements, the quality of the orchestra, and the sheer verve of each dance outshine everything else. They are the spirit of the dance, and how we would dearly love to see a cherkassiya danced to this music!

We felt that in one or two of the vocal numbers an orchestra of chamber size might have been better used, as well as more pol-

ished orchestration. The recording itself now and then is physically a little off balance. An acoustical trick, easily done in proper surroundings, could have made the dance group sound like concert size.

Notwithstanding, the production throbs with life and with youth. It is less unfinished than IMF records of yore and every bit as vital. Everyone creatively involved in its delivery ought to be congratulated, it seems to us, and the Foundation hosannahed on its jubilant return.



GALE

Yeshiva Medical School
Receives \$-Million Gift

NEW YORK (WNS)—A gift of \$1,000,000 by Israel Rogosin toward construction of Yeshiva University's non-sectarian medical college was announced last week. The 64-year-old textile manufacturer's gift comprises 10% of the current fund-raising goal of the proposed medical school and center.

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Agency List of Approved Drives For Israel Lists Thirteen Groups

NEW YORK (NJP)—The fund-raising and projects campaigns of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA), Mizrahi (religious Zionist), and Hapoel Hamizrachi (religious labor Zionist) are among those not included in the list of 13 organizations released this week as having been authorized by the Jewish Agency for Palestine to conduct U. S. campaigns in 1952.

The list is published by the Jewish Agency's Committee on Campaigns, headed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency.

BASED ON DATA

The authorizations granted, explained the Jewish Agency "were based on the complete financial data and analysis of their work in Israel which each organization submitted to the committee."

All organizations whose applications were approved, the explanation continued, "have agreed to conduct their campaigns so as to assure priority to the United Jewish Appeal."

Organizations given unqualified authorization to conduct campaigns were the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science; American Friends of the Hebrew University; American Funds for Israel Institutions.

Also the American Technion Society; Federated Council of Israel Institutions; Hadassah; Mizrahi Women's Organization; National Committee for Labor Israel (Histadruth Campaign); Pioneer Women.

ACTIVITIES LIMITED

Organizations given only limited authorization were the American Red Mogen David for Israel (Israel branch of the International Red Cross), which

was authorized to conduct its membership campaign only; the Jewish National Fund, which was authorized to conduct its "traditional collections" only.

Material for Israel was authorized only to collect materials for shipment to Israel; and the Women's League for Israel was permitted to conduct its activities in the N. Y. area only.

Other groups not given authorization, some of which have charged they have been discriminated against in the allocation of Jewish Agency funds, are the Revisionists, extreme right wing Zionist party, and the Agudath Israel and its affiliates, ultra-Orthodox Zionist movement.

NO SANCTIONS INDICATED

It was not indicated which groups had applied for but were denied authorization. On the assumption, however, that all U. S. organizations raising funds for Israel had applied, it appeared that perhaps dozens of organizations, including many Orthodox groups raising funds for various institutions in Israel, were denied authorization.

The Agency statement did not indicate what sanctions, if any, would be brought to bear on organizations disobeying the authorizations. Discipline in the past has been in the form of seeking to arouse public opinion against wildcat fund-raising for Israel.

N.Y. Anti-Bias Head Questions Army Middle-East Hiring Policy

NEW YORK (NJP)—Secretary of the Army Frank Pace's explanation of alleged discriminatory practices in hiring construction workers for U. S. military bases in the Middle East, whereby contractors did not recruit workers in the N. Y. labor market, was challenged last week by the head of the N. Y. State Commission Against Discrimination.

The charge of discrimination had arisen out of the testimony last month (NJP, Feb. 15, 1952) of Major General G. S. Nold, Deputy-Chief of Army Engineers, who told a Senate committee the army could not hire Jewish construction workers for U. S. bases in Arab lands because their presence there would provoke incidents. It was then disclosed that contractors avoided N.Y., where an anti-discrimination law is in effect, in recruitment of workers for these bases.

NOT SANCTIONED

In a letter last week to Edward W. Edwards, chairman of the N.Y. State Commission Against Discrimination, Pace said the Army neither has adopted nor sanctioned any discrimination policy.

He asserted that Gen. Nold's explanation of the policy of not hiring Jews for work in Arab

lands was "broader than the facts justified."

The fault that Jewish workers are not employed on these jobs, he explained, lies not with the army or with the contractors.

CAN'T GET VISAS

"These contractors," Pace told Edwards, "have not discriminated against qualified Jewish workers for Saudi Arabian projects. They are willing to recruit workers of this faith; however, these workers are unable to obtain the required visas from Saudi Arabia."

In his reply to Pace March 6 Edwards said the N.Y. State Commission recognized the visa problem.

He emphasized, however, that "the necessity of obtaining a visa does not warrant pre-employment inquiries regarding religion of applicants for employment nor justify avoidance of the N.Y. labor market."

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